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THANKSGIVING AND PROSPERITY

Not the "day", but the constantly reflected attitude marks thanksgiving. Let's each consider, "Have I prospered through the years? Has prosperity increased my thankfulness?"

To separate thankfulness from the acquisition of things is difficult. As we think back three, seven, twenty years, "things" often dominate our memory. What has happened in the deep places of our lives during those same years?

Have we been increasingly aware of the nearness and eagerness of our God? Have we been responsive to Him when opportunities arose to honor Him with what for us was a new kind of action?

In the face of temptation, have we drawn on His courageous strength? Or have we been secretly glad that He didn't get through to interfere with our flabby behaviour?

Have we remained at ease as comfortable churchmen while feeling profound admiration for some modest person whose radiance of life shows through trial and adversity? Does thanksgiving taste good to us when we remember the kind of person each of us might be and can become when an important opportunity for growth appears?

This time will you face who you are and IN WHOSE LIKENESS YOU ARE FASHIONED? Knowing that He will respond -- in His way -- will you entreat Him and wrestle with yourself until you let Him in to possess you more fully? -- 'Till it is no longer you who lives, but Christ who lives in you?

In this day of awesome opportunity for humble greatness in each and every one of us, do we help God's love prevail when the opportunity is ours? Or is it only for things and possessions that we tip our hats, "thank you God"?

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TO MINISTER TO THE NEED

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN SAN DIEGO

WILL REMAIN AN "INNER-CITY" CHURCH

After careful study and planning, Central Christian Church in San Diego, has elected to remain an "inner-city" church. After three-quarters of a century in this ministry, the church will seek new methods to serve a changing community.

When Heber H. Pitman began his ministry with the church in December 1958, plans were made, through a special Long Range Planning Committee, to conduct studies and make evaluations so that major choices for the future would coincide with the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the church, October 31, 1961. This planning involved Mr. Arthur Stanley, National Director of Urban Work; Mr. Rolland Sheafar and Mr. Charles Betts of the Board of Church Extension; Mr. Russell Hensley of the Area Office staff; and many local civic leaders. The congregation has adopted a statement of strategy with three specific elements: (1) That the congregation relocate and build new facilities, (2) That this relocation be within the boundaries of the Central-City of San Diego, and (3) That the future program be developed as a ministry to the inner-city community. The adoption of this strategy, at a congregational meeting in May of 1961, has paved the way for decisive steps by which this strategy is to be carried to fulfillment.

Love and Planning

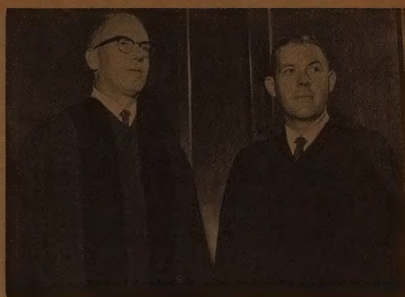
The major factor enabling Central Christian of San Diego to set its course in this direction was the receipt of a sizable estate bequeathed to the church without specific designation by Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Williamson, members of the church who died in 1957. This estate, valued in excess of \$300,000, is a gracious act of God. This church, struggling des-



New site for San Diego Central Church. Just outside a new "Center City" complex being developed as the nerve center for this city of half a million. Construction of new city buildings in the background. A multi-story plant is envisioned on this site.

perly for life, amidst insurmountable problems in an area of deterioration within the inner-city now makes a new beginning. This bequest is a real challenge to the Christian stewardship of Central Christian Church. The present ministry, at the outset, led the congregation to develop a set of principles by which the estate (and all subsequent estates) would be administered, both to assure Central's best future, and to witness to a concern for the whole church. Principles established provide that, as it is used in the local community, one-fourth of the total bequest will be turned to the outreach causes of the Brotherhood. Already sizable sums have gone into the missionary program of our churches.

The result of such planning has been gratifying. Not only has local giving been maintained, but a marked increase in stewardship response is observed on the part of the membership. In building plans now being developed, the congregation will assume its full responsibility to raise funds, over



A shared ministry. The minister of the congregation, Heber H. Pitman (on the left) and Wilbur C. Parry, Jr., who has special responsibilities in Christian Education and Special Programming.

and above the estate resources, in further testimony to its concept of stewardship and churchmanship.

Property Purchased

The congregation is now purchasing property at Second and Fir Streets in San Diego, just North of the great new "Center-City" complex of government buildings, and will erect there a complete new plant, designed to meet the needs of the congregation and its special ministries in the growing metropolis.

To assist with leadership, and to guide special areas of new program development in this transition, Wilbur C. Parry, Jr., has been called to full time staff relationships as Associate Minister. The program will provide facilities for a continuance of the Military Service Center, church related activities for senior citizens, and a special approach to apartment house dwellers. Other new programs will be developed to meet special needs of the downtown area. *

SEE COVER PHOTO OF SAN DIEGO WITH INSET OF CENTRAL CHURCH.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA - UNIFIED PROMOTION

1960 - 61

During the year just passed, Southern California Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ), met about 80% of the Unified Promotion responsibility of this geographical area. The need for the year was \$537,558. We raised \$439,126.65.

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS

United Christian Miss. Society	53.9028%	\$236,701.56
Christian Higher Education	.8299%	3,644.32
International Convention	1.6212%	7,119.13
Pension Fund	4.3472%	19,089.69
Council on Christian Unity	.4216%	1,851.36
Board of Church Extension	1.0803%	4,743.89
Historical Society	.4610%	2,024.38
Area Office	19.8979%	87,376.98
Chapman College	14.1314%	62,054.74
Disciples Seminary Foundation	3.3067%	14,520.60
	100.0000%	\$439,126.65

Perplexing Factors

Agencies that work through OUT-REACH FUNDS are perplexed by the following factors:

- 1. The churches ask of the agencies a vital expanding program, that the gospel might be spread in the most effective way.
- 2. The philosophy, it seems, is: "Show us the program and we will support it." The agencies, being arms of the church and anxious to advance the Kingdom work, have accepted this only to find that the support has not been forthcoming. The net result being: that much

money has been borrowed to pay for the committed program; future program is curtailed until past loans are paid, or where such future program is vitally necessary, new loans (plus interest) are made, thus adding problem to problem; and accusations by congregations and others that the agency has been a poor steward of the funds given to it.

3. For the agencies to "accept on faith" new program with promise of support later has been and is a risky business for them and for the Kingdom. It has been tried with the desire to do a MAXIMUM work. How-

ever the result is, in the end, MINIMUM work. Much fine work has been accomplished with available funds and this is appreciated, but the fact remains, in a world that cries out for our EVERY EFFORT to SAVE IT, we but try to pacify it with another "suck on the bottle". MINIMUM EFFORTS fail an adult world whose ills are the result of adult laxity but can be remedied through ADULT CHRISTIAN ACTION.

4. The inevitable is, at some period, a change in philosophy from a "accept on faith" to "show the support first". It is hard even to think that our congregations would follow national and world trends of "moral retreat" rather than "adventure in faith".

Can it be said of the church member and the congregation of which he is a part, that "ones' word is as good as his bond", the "word" being "I accept Christ as my personal Saviour and Lord of my life, and the responsibilities of a Christian life"? It would seem that many new conversions, within individuals, congregations and agencies are in order that all can GO FORWARD WITH HIM. However, this date finds agencies adopting the inevitable of "waiting to see", meanwhile cutting the program for two years ahead.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following chart is prepared to keep the reader current with Area financial responsibilities- A similar chart will appear each month with the prior month's figures included.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WORLD OUTREACH

JULY - AUGUST 1961

UNIFIED OPERATING

TOTAL NEED	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TO NATIONAL	TO AREA OFFICE	TO CHAPMAN COLLEGE	TO DISCIPLE SEM. FOUNDATION	TO CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN HOME
\$152,500	\$28,554.28	^① \$15,166.43	\$5,233.79	\$3,465.52	\$ 869.44	\$2,450.90

① UNITED CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, NAT'L. BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION, BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION PENSION FUND, COUNCIL ON CHRISTIAN UNITY, HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION.

UNIFIED CAPITAL

\$ 58,800	\$ 6,335.47	^② \$ 1,275.17	\$4,042.79	\$ 720.53	\$ 174.10	\$ 806.76
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② HISTORICAL SOCIETY, WORLD-WIDE CAPITAL, NAT'L. NEW CHURCH ADVANCE.

The Proper Balance

W. ARTHUR HIXON, Minister
Sun Valley Christian Church
Chairman, Area Worship Department

FAITH AND FEAR

*Like a man high up, on a long
tight wire
move with arms outspread.
One hand holds faith, and the
other holds fear,
As I press toward my goal ahead.*

*Both faith and fear I truly need,
To keep my balance here.
All could be lost, through
presumptuous faith,
Or paralyzing fear.*

W. Arthur Hixon

The struggle between faith and fear is never ending. The need to bring them into balance is man's greatest necessity. The child must fear falling-but he must also have faith in his ability to stand up, walk, run and climb, always reminded by his fear of falling, that he must be careful.

As the child becomes careless his chances of falling increase. A fall restores within him the proper respect for and fear of falling. In his carelessness however, he may have learned something which he would have never found out through more conservative and careful conduct. His experience may lead him to understand the value of "calculated risks," such as driving on a freeway in Los Angeles, in which he can participate with extra care.

This striving to maintain a proper balance between Faith and Fear with all of its cliff-hanger aspects for stark, thrilling drama-reminds us of the body's unending struggle to maintain the proper balance between the acid and alkaline content in the body liquids.

It would seem impossible to have too much faith, but when faith becomes too presumptuous concerning the laws of God, their

built-in penalties automatically calls upon fear to help us correct our presumptuousness.

Too much fear is easier to come by-and far more prevalent among men, than too much faith. As hyper-acidity is destructive to the body, so is too much fear destructive to the soul.

Faith is not exactly the absence of fear, (as some have said) but rather faith is the element which brings fear (intelligent awareness of dangers) under control and allows it to be constructive rather than destructive. This thought would place a proper balance of faith and fear in the position of being the ultimate in realism. This balance is what it takes to live effectively.

Too many in society are suffering from "acidosis" of the spirit due to the predominance of fear in their lives. The best alkalizer for fear on the market today is a good, big, "pill" or "swig" of love. Nothing restores faith like being loved and wanted. In like manner no fear exceeds the fear of not being "cared" for. The joy and strength of John 3:16 lies in its assurance to all of us that we are loved and wanted.

For God so loves us, a whole world full of us, that He sent His Son to us to tell us of that love, even though it was a dangerous and even fatal thing to do. In accepting this gift through faith we find salvation.

Jesus trusted His Father to the very end - confident that evil would be overcome by good. Jesus balanced the fear in "why hast thou forsaken me", with His faith in His Father's love - and was thus able to cross the chasm on the long tight wire of human experience.

This is the task to which we have been called: to find faith enough in our Heavenly Father,

THANKSGIVING

Every person knows a bit of the origin of Thanksgiving Day, and the religious inspiration associated with it. All too often, football, feasting and gala festivities eclipse the deeper spiritual significance of the occasion.

It is right that we should be thankful for our material blessings. We do have more and better homes than any other people in the world. We have more luxury items, ranging from electric can openers to high-speed motor boats, than all the rest of the world combined. Recently, it was stated -- "All Americans and Canadians could get into their cars and not use the back seats, since we have one car for every three persons."

Beyond material blessings, we are possessors of a rich heritage summed up in the one word - *freedom*. Our children have the advantage of public education, we all have freedom of assembly, freedom of speech, and universal political suffrage.

We have religious freedom - the right of every person to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience. Upon these great foundational freedoms we have built our cultural institutions, founded our homes and structured our economic, social, political and religious life.

How can we as Christian people, thank Almighty God for our many blessings and benefits? Certainly, by doing something more than feasting and visiting. Participation in corporate worship and thanksgiving is appropriate, but hardly sufficient.

Associated with sincere spiritual appreciation and expression should be worthy sharing for Christian causes. *As much given in the special Thanksgiving offering for Christian work as will be spent for the Thanksgiving dinner might be the standard for minimum sharing. **

our Elder Brother, Jesus Christ, and each other to control the fear which the experiences of life create in us. *

FAMILY ALBUM



GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONIES

The groundbreaking ceremonies for the First Christian Church of San Clemente, at the corner of Estrella and El Oriente Avenues, were held Sunday, September 24, 1961. The program which followed the morning service was attended by approximately 100 church members and friends of the community. Those participating in the service included: Reverend J. D. Hardin, minister of the church, Chaplain A. W. Riggs of Camp Pendelton, A. Ray Wellington of the Christian Churches Area Office, and laymen of the church - George Welsh, Ron Fickle, and Edwin Crook.

The church had its beginning on May 20, 1956. Prior ministers have been the Reverends Kenneth Tucker, Paul Dirks, and Louis Mayo. On October 5, 1958, the church leased property at 251 Avenue Delmar where it has been meeting to this date. On February 14, 1960, five lots were purchased for a permanent location for the congregation.

Christian Churches of Southern California have participated, in part, in the purchase of the property through their outreach giving. The church began construction immediately following groundbreaking ceremonies and plan to be using the building within ninety days.

More than 50,000 lbs. of used clothing were donated by Disciples during the month of July, toward the Church World Service Used Clothing Drive.

HARBOR BAY DISTRICT LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

Church School teachers and workers from churches in the Harbor Bay District will have further opportunity for leadership education in a Fall District Leadership School to be held at the First Christian Church, Lynwood, November 6, 7, 13, 14, 20, and 21.

Under the sponsorship of the District Christian Education Committee, Mrs. Kenneth Beckett, San Pedro, chairman, announces the school will offer four courses in the Second Series of Standard Leadership Education credit classes. Courses on "Teaching Children," "Teaching Adults," "Teaching Youth," "Administering the Sunday Church School," will be given by qualified instructors. Teachers who have been named to date are: Mrs. Marie Newman, Children's Work Director at Whittier; Jerry Jones, Associate Minister at Whittier; Bill Terbeek, Area Office; Charles Reader, public school teacher and former Minister of Christian Education; and Joe Read, minister at Bixby Knolls Christian Church. George Fiske, minister at Gardena, will serve as director of the school, assisted by Bert Reeder, host minister.

Two, fifty minute classes will be given each evening, beginning at 7:30 P.M. and continuing until 9:30 P.M. Registration fee is \$1.75 per person, or \$20.00 a church with unlimited registration. Child care will be provided. For further information about the school, contact George Fiske, 15904 Gramercy Place, Gardena, or the Area Office.

HOW WAS CONFERENCE?

Eleven hundred and twelve young people will no doubt ask this question after returning from a week's experience at Loch Leven or Bethany Pines or one of the other camp grounds where the summer program took place. These young people came from 100 churches and were led by 165 capable adults for a total of 8,939 camper days. But these statistics cannot answer the question of how much spiritual growth took place within each of the persons involved this past summer. Stories can be told of new friendships, wonderful hikes, engaging discussion, some periods of relaxation, swimming, etc., but only as each of the young people and adults share their life and their faith with others in their home community and their church, can the real meaning of conference be known. Each year each person gains new insights into the meaning of being a disciple of Christ, and they share that meaning during the year at home. Each one will also look to the next summer when they can again find the deeper meanings of Christian fellowship in our summer camp and conference program.

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I AM MISSIONS BUILDING

The above title is that of a new, color, sound, filmstrip which recently was received at the Area Office. It was produced, primarily, to show visitors in Missions Building in Indianapolis. It was so well received that it has been made available in the different states and areas for use in local churches.

Bookings for it may be made with the Area Office for a service charge of \$1.50 plus postage. This includes the filmstrip, a record, and two mimeographed scripts.

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PRAYER CHAIN

As a part of the emphasis of Church Federation Week, September 10-17, a number of communions and denominations engaged in a Chain of Prayer because of their concern for the ecumenical life of the church and for the Los Angeles Church Federation.

The Christian Churches accepted responsibility for the Chain of Prayer on Thursday, September 14. The response of these churches added power to the interdenominational work carried on through this organization.

CLAREMONT ENROLLMENT CREASES 20%

The Southern California School of Theology at Claremont opened its fall semester with a retreat for faculty and students on September 19 and 20, prior to the beginning of classes on September 25.

Fifteen states are represented in the student body, including four foreign countries. There are twelve different denominations represented in a year in an enrollment that is 20% larger than last year.

President Ernest Cadman Colwell reports one new full time professor.

Dr. K. Morgan Edwards, former minister of the First Methodist Church in Pasadena, has been appointed professor of Preaching.

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NEW NAME FOR BAKERSFIELD SECOND

What heretofore has been known as the Second Christian Church in Bakersfield, will change its name to the Valley Christian Church when it moves into the first unit of its new building in early December. The address of the new church, on its new acre site will be 1960 Ming Road.

Mrs. Clare Rexroth also advises that this congregation ordained Dr. Donald L. Johnson, the minister of this church. Dr. Traverse Harrison, Executive Secretary of the Bakersfield Council of Churches, conducted the service, joined by the elders of the congregation.

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IN JAPAN LAST SUMMER

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Jones of Concord, California, represented the Christian Churches in the 1961 Japan Evangelism Project which sought to give practical assistance to young Japanese churches and pastors. The interdenominational project was sponsored by the United Church of Christ in Japan and the Japan Inter-board Committee, the coordination agency in America for denominations working through the United Church. A similar program from 1954 - 1959 demonstrated that by working cooperatively with Japanese pastors, American clergymen could provide an effective ministry despite a language barrier and shortage of time.



DREAMS COME TRUE

First Christian Church in El Monte has dedicated its new 8,000 square foot educational building containing twelve classrooms, a basement storeroom, two restrooms, a modern kitchen and a fellowship hall. The service of dedication was lead by the interim minister, James McCallum, on September 17. The former pastor Robert Burton, Dr. Arthur S. Morrill, Dennis Savage, and the former Board chairman of the El Monte church, Wayne Searcey, who now lives in Newport Beach, participated in the service.

The laymen of the church donated the equivalent of \$7,000 in voluntary labor to this program and installed some electrical devices to connect to the new sanctuary which is planned for the near future.

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FAMILY FELLOWSHIP FUND

Available to the members of the congregation, the Pico-Arlington Christian Church in Los Angeles is establishing a Family Fellowship Fund.

The Fund will have two sections and will operate in two different ways. First, a reserve or Emergency Fund, which is used to meet the emergency of any members who are in dire need and also to carry the expense of the organization. Second, the Mortuary Fund, which is available upon the death of a member of the Pico-Arlington Christian Church, who has paid into the fund as the calls are made.

Pico-Arlington's pastor, Dr. Merle Edison Fish, Sr., writes that the first assessment will be \$1.00 from all who wish to participate and the amount each family receives will be based upon the number who respond to this call.

'61 ASSEMBLY RECOMMENDATION TO THE CHURCHES

Attendants at the Orange Assembly last summer recall Resolution #25 concerning the book by Dr. C. A. Cole, *The Christian Churches of Southern California*.

In 1957 the Southern California churches had asked Dr. Cole to write the history of this Communion, and he completed the assignment with great care and ability. The book now has been available for two years, and wherever it has been read its contents has been appreciated greatly.

As yet, many people are not acquainted with the book and should have it. Furthermore, the book was never conceived as one that would give the writer any profit, and thus far about 1,000 of the books remain unsold. Dr. Cole has paid for the entire production, and the 1961 Assembly urged the churches to purchase the remaining copies, distributing them as they see fit.

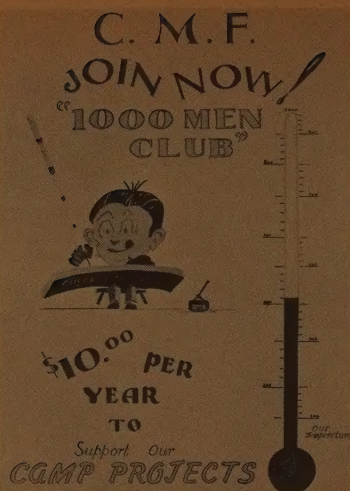
The resolution requested each congregation to provide each of the delegates with a copy of the book. In addition, the congregation would secure other copies to be presented as:

1. Gifts to local city libraries,
2. Gifts to retired ministers,
3. Gifts for ministers being installed in churches,
4. Gifts for students in seminary,
5. And, gifts for C.M.F. and C.W.F. presidents.

Each congregation is encouraged to ask its members to obtain copies for their private study libraries, since when these 1,000 remaining books are sold there will be none other available.

Copies may be ordered from the Area Office, 3126 Los Feliz Boulevard, Los Angeles 39. Price: \$2.00.

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NOVEMBER 1, 1961

TO: All Members of the C.M.F. "1000 Men's Club"

THIS LETTER IS FOR TWO PURPOSES: (1) TO REPORT ON WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED WITH THESE FUNDS DURING THE PAST THREE YEARS, AND (2) TO STATE THE ASKING FOR THIS YEAR.

FUNDS RESULTING FROM YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THIS PROJECT WERE DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:

- 1st year: \$1,900.00 to purchase and install the dishwasher at Loch Leven.
- 2nd year: \$1,200.00 for drilling the well at Bethany Pines Camp Grounds. This well provides over 30 gallons of water per minute.
\$700.00 for Loch Leven.
- 3rd year: \$652.00 to bring power line in to the pump at Bethany Pines.
\$762.00 for new pump and the installation. This is a total of \$5,214.00 you have contributed to the 1000 Men's Club - over and above your stewardship through your church budget.

THE ASKING THIS YEAR, \$10.00 TO BE PAID BY JANUARY 1, 1962, IS IN SUPPORT AGAIN OF A NEED IN DEVELOPING OUR CAMP AND CONFERENCE FACILITIES. BE SURE TO VISIT BOTH LOCH LEVEN AND BETHANY PINES TO SEE HOW THE GROUNDS ARE DEVELOPING.

AS CHAIRMAN OF THE 1000 MEN'S CLUB, I TAKE PLEASURE IN THANKING YOU INDIVIDUALLY FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THIS PROJECT AND CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR VISION FOR UNEXPECTED AND UNLIMITED RETURNS FROM YOUR INVESTMENT - IN THE LIVES OF THOSE USING THE CONFERENCE GROUNDS.

SINCERELY YOURS,
LOREN WILLEY
C.M.F. Service Chairman

WAY OUT ON A LIMB

There are a lot of people who are saying, as if they know, that the problems a youth faces in our happy little world of today, aren't any different than those faced in Jericho, a couple thousand years ago.

There are those who would say, as well, that youth today don't have a culture of their own apart from that of parents, otherwise involved with a different language and different rules, and different ways of being right, and different modes of simply being.

Bunk! . . . or something!

Wander into the local high school and the junior one to. . . See the groups that gather there. Meet the "Ins". . . the really *Have-Its* with the sharpest guys and the sweaters lettered . . . with the cutest girls with the darkest tans and the best bought clothes, whose deepest thought and every act is just to stay the best, the inner Quad.

And the "Want-Ins" . . . who wander around just outside and try to find a way to be an "In"; who walk the same and talk the same, who buy the cars and fancy clothes and throw the big parties to try to draw attention from an "In" and maybe then to enter "In".

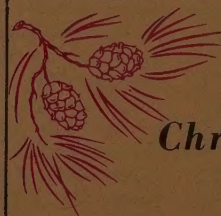
You'll find the others, too. The ones that could be called, "Not-Ins". Here and there and everywhere you walk they'll be, in groups they simply call their own. Some care not to be "In"; have never thought about it. Just get grades and love their friends, accept their folks, and the way they have to live. Some go steady and go to things, and some to church, and some stay lonely and wander why. Some haven't the courage to be anything else and some are hard to know.

Then walk down the alley. . . See, if you will, the slimy kids with too much slicked down hair, and flashy jackets, and high shined shoes. There they puff on stolen weeks and act real tough, and prey on younger kids, and other kids who are trying not to be like them. . . the nasty "Outs".

Stand some place where the kids walk by and hear them talk with strange-type words like "hodad", "swing-in", and a dozen more. A world of hot cars and short, meaning-packed phrases; of wearing the right clothes, of combing the hair the right way, of going out and getting away, of revelling, clawing, fighting, reaching out to find identity. They are trying to be an individual, to be worth something to someone else and to themselves.

They are facing a different world and needing a way to face it. They are needing someone to translate the Christian gospel into a language they can understand. They are needing someone to extend themselves in caring love, in so powerful a way that God is clearly seen and felt and ultimately known. And then in knowing, to give of self in a new and real relationship to Him, as each person has a right to . . . as a child of God. . . even as I.

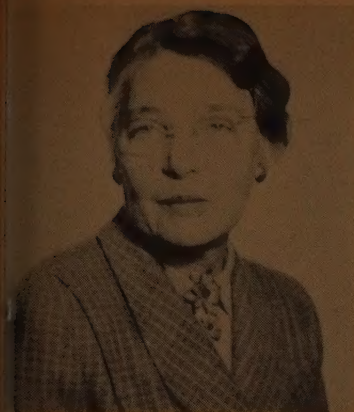
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FOR CHRISTMAS



**MRS CHARLES GOODWIN
OFFICIAL VISITOR, W.C.C.**

Mrs. Charles Goodwin will attend the Assembly of the World Council of Churches in New Delhi, India, from November 18-December 5, 1961. The Executive Secretary of the World Council invited Mrs. Goodwin to be present as an Official Visitor.

There are only 625 delegates of churches from the world. The Christian Churches of the United States have about eight but there will probably be twenty-five Disciples in New Delhi counting the wives, visitors, and representatives from New Zealand, England, Australia, etc.

Two delegates are reported planning to attend from Southern California: Dr. Ganz Little, of the Presbyterian Church, and Dr. Gaylord Faldy of the United Lutheran Church. Walker Busch of U.C.L.A. will be a youth representative and Dr. Forrest Weir, Executive Secretary of the Church Federation of Los Angeles and the Southern California Council of Churches, is being sent by the Los Angeles Examiner, as their reporter. Methodist pastor, Dr. Ray Ragsdale, will be present for a few days with his party. This is the third Assembly for the World Council.

Mrs. Goodwin is making a world tour and hopes to visit some of the Disciple mission stations. It is exactly fifty years ago that she was in Japan on her wedding trip and now she will see Southeast Asia and India as well.

This able member of the Hollywood-Beverly Christian Church in Los Angeles says, "I caught a vision of the united church in my early teens, and that vision has driven me for a lifetime. It is thrilling to see some of the fruits of this effort by such men as Barton Stone, Herbert Willett, J. H. Garrison, and our great friend, Peter Ainslie."

KLEIHauer MEMORIAL CHAPEL

An ecumenical chapel to the north of the main building, will be erected at the Hollywood-Beverly Christian Church, and dedicated as the Cleveland Kleihauer Memorial Chapel.

Members of the congregation will be joined by a host of others who deeply admired the distinctive Christian witness of Dr. Kleihauer. For twenty-six years, until the time of his death, he not only pastored this congregation but gave himself unreservedly to the cause of ecumenical Christianity.

WOODLAND HILLS - Dr. M. Owen Kellison is serving as the minister ad interim of the Woodland Hills Christian Church. He began this work shortly after he completed serving with the University Christian Church in Seattle, following the resignation of Dr. John Paul Pack.

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AT VISTA LA MESA

Membership rolls can be revealing things. We have just been studying ours and are chagrined at the number of folk who have moved away (membership still here), become inactive, or come but do not participate.

Our need seems to go deeper than planning programs or raising budgets if we would reach and keep our members. Perhaps our CYF has found part of the answer. After talking with them about what seemed to be their greatest need, a Prayer Breakfast group was formed. It now has finished its fourth year with from ten to thirty young people stopping by the church each Thursday morning at seven sharp, to have prayer, meditation and study together before leaving for school. It has supplied not only the individual needs of these youth, but has actually been the greatest influence in undergirding their church program.

In the decade ahead we hope to include classes about the church and the meaning of discipleship; prayer and spiritual life study groups; and retreats with yearly evaluation of our program to be sure that we do not lose sight of the real purpose of the church.

by A LAYMAN

CALIFORNIA CHRISTIAN HOME

Our guests at the Home were treated to a delightful brunch by the women of the Temple City Christian Church, one morning this past summer. Everyone gathered at the pergola, where so many outdoor festivities occur, and enjoyed a variety of donuts and sweet rolls, with plenty of coffee. The visiting continued, with much laughter, until it was nearly time to prepare for the regular noon meal. For several years a group of women from this church has sewed at the Home, one day each month.

Not to be outdone by their elders, the Chi Rho young people from Temple City have had a project at California Christian Home each Friday during the vacation months. These boys and girls took the infirm patients out-of-doors in wheel chairs, so they could enjoy the fresh air and watch the automobiles go by the grounds.

Dennis Savage is the capable minister of our Temple City Church, while Mrs. Marjorie Covington is C.W.F. president, and Mrs. Esma Buckridge serves as Chi Rho sponsor. One of the trustees of the Home is Mrs. Celia Hamilton, also of this neighboring church.

Convalescent Center

Work continues in the new Convalescent Center building. The convalescent units which will provide both heating and air conditioning, are being installed in the rooms. Inside painting is in progress, and the acoustical tile is being placed on the ceilings. November 15 is the tentative date to start moving people to the new facility.

The unexpected death of Mr. James H. Hardman, resident of the Home, occurred on September 9. Services were held for him in Whittier, which was his home community.

RIALTO PASTOR RETURNS TO SCHOOL

Lynn Rollier and his wife have closed their work at the First Christian Church in Rialto, and are carrying out their plans to secure further specialized training in Los Angeles.

Mr. Rollier, formerly a member of the McCarty Memorial Christian Church, several years ago closed his business career and went to College of the Bible at Lexington, Kentucky, where he completed work for his B.D. degree before coming to Rialto.



PACK TRIP BY GLENDALE YOUTH

The Christian Youth Fellowship of Central Christian Church, Glendale, concluded their summer schedule of activities with a four day camping trip into the Barton Flats area of the San Bernardino mountains. This camping experience was shared by thirteen young people and three adults (pictured above), who packed their gear two and one-half miles for this primitive camping trip. The basic purpose of this outing was for relaxation, fellowship, and the "groupness" that might be learned as a result of living together for these four days. This camping trip was the climax to a busy summer schedule for this youth group which included two beach parties, a Hawaiian luau, a Dodge ball game, a progressive dinner on bicycles, the Area Youth Assembly, and an "Arty Party". On the Sunday night before the camping trip, these youth shared with Allen Byerlee, Central Christian's link missionary to the Republic of Congo, around the theme, "Youth's Concerns for Missions".

SATURDAY NIGHT TALK WITH GOD

Mrs. Warren Grafton, whose husband died in the Spring, when he was minister of the Central Woodward Christian Church in Detroit, has chosen certain essays which Dr. Grafton wrote and has published them under the above title. This book will be interesting to many Southern Californians who remember that Dr. Grafton was the minister of old First Christian Church in Los Angeles, before it merged with Wilshire.

DR. CYNTHIA PEARL MAUS AT WESTCHESTER

As part of the observance of Christian Literature Week, the C.W.F. of the Westchester Christian Church, Los Angeles, was privileged to hear Dr. Cynthia Pearl Maus at their General Meeting on October 19, 1961.

Dr. Maus brought additional copies of her books, which she personally autographed and offered for sale. She is now preparing her tenth book for publication.

It is possible for her to accept only a few speaking engagements, so the Westchester church felt fortunate in being the host of one of these.

REDONDO BEACH- After three years as the pastor of a Christian Church in Kirkcaldy, Fife, Scotland, the Donald Jarman family have come to make their new home here where he has been called as the pastor of the South Bay Christian Church.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

ALHAMBRA- First Christian Church has begun its second half-century of service and Christian witness. The charter membership roll was closed on the first Sunday in January 1912. The church is following the intriguing title, "Golden Anniversary Opportunities" during 1961-62.

Highlights of the year will be fifty neighborhood parties held on Sunday evening, October 1; the active enlistment of the services of every member; the Golden Anniversary Dinner on January 17; an all-out effort to bring the resident, active membership to above 1200; and a host of other worthwhile spiritual adventures. James Hempstead is the minister.

NEW LOOKS IN CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

ECUMENICAL LOOK - Future Plans for Women's Groups

The Area CWF held its two-day annual Planning Conference at the J.O.C. Lodge at Pacific Palisades. Twenty-five Area officers were present. A different approach was taken this year. Before analyzing their individual tasks as officers, and planning the year's work, they spent the first day in "looking at" the women's work in other Protestant communions: Methodist, Presbyterian, Congregational and Episcopal. Reports were presented by teams who had visited denominational headquarters; had conferences with women's executives of these communions, also with leaders in local church groups; and who visited women's meetings. The interesting discovery was made that in the trend for Unification, there was a strengthening rather than a weakening of the women's work, in order that the total church might have a more effective witness. With this background presentation, the Area CWF officers considered changes necessary for Disciple women in Southern California.

B.P.W.'S - Purdue Look

The Business and Professional Women of Southern California held their annual Fall Retreat at the Loch Leven Conference Grounds on October 2, 3 with 150 women in attendance. One of the unique features of their program was the "Purdue Look". Much time was allowed for their program of colored slides on the Purdue Quadrennial, the inspiring message reporting on the entire Quadrennial program, and the workshops that followed, discussing the new trends and challenges for Disciple women. Fourteen B.P.W.'s attended the Purdue Quadrennial and were the leaders of the workshops, discussing choices women must make about vocations, stewardship, outreach and commitment.

The climax of the Retreat was on Sunday when the closing worship and communion service was held.

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1961 WEEK OF COMPASSION

Congregations across the country will be delighted to know that as of August 30, \$554,032.49 had been received in the 1961 Week of Compassion offerings. This is an increase of \$29,612.53 over the preceeding year.

Churches, also, will be interested in knowing how the money was distributed:

Committee on Military and Veterans' Services.....	\$87,098
Committee on Relief Appeals.....	421,739
Extension Fund for Dues for Reserve Chaplains.....	16,961
One Great Hour of Sharing.....	1,500
Promotional Expense.....	22,795
R.O.P.....	3,937

CORRECTION

View-Point is very sorry they misquoted Dr. John Paul Ack, who so ably reviewed the book, "New Life in the Church" by Robert A. Raines, in the September issue. This was a technical mistake and to correct it, we wish to reprint a very pertinent part of this review. The sentence in which the error was made will be printed in italics.

"In declaring the necessity of conversion, Mr. Raines says, 'Liberal Protestantism has left the field of conversion to the fundamentalists.' He thinks we have taken refuge in the staid, comfortable, total unbiblical notion what may be called 'osmosis Christianity,' the optimistic assumption that people soak up the Christianity by living in a Christian environment. *The New Testament doctrine is not justification by 'osmosis' but justification by faith.* We must be born again and again. He delineates the conversion process — awakening, decision, growth, and discipline — with special emphasis on Koinonia, the fellowship in Christ which requires personal participation and mutual sharing."

DEACON'S DILEMMA BY WALT STANCHFIELD



BOOK REVIEW

Dear Mr. Brown

In reply to your letter let me say first that I am interested in what you write because, in spite of the so widely advertised, what you say represents a religion. You are a religious person.

by HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK

For more than half a century, Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick has moved across the religious thinking of our country, and it could be said across the religious life of Europe, by means of the international reaches of radio, of lecture platform, of great preaching, and the printed pages of more than thirty books of which he is the author.

Now, comes this 190-page volume, *Dear Mr. Brown*, in reply to hundreds of thousands of letters from all over the world. While Mr. Brown is a fictional character, he represents a certain type of earnest seekers after truth and may be considered a distinct personality.

The letters are addressed to one who is perplexed with a wide gamut of problems, many of which, among the twenty set forth, have given anxiety to most sincere people who will read the book. Mr. Brown proposes to give up religion and God and content himself simply with goodness. Instead of a man who can only say in a desperate and needy world, "Oh, my Goodness," he needs a philosophy that will put sense, meaning and hope into his existence.

Dr. Fosdick uses throughout the book, illustrations and personal interest stories which help to make the volume fascinating and easily read. He closes his chapter in which Mr. Brown has declared, "I don't want to be credulous and believe a myth just because it is pleasant," with this declaration, "In a generation like this, with its desperate needs and indispensable ventures of faith and endeavor, I should hate to make a fool of myself by being credulous. But I should hate even more to be found among those who have made fools of themselves through skepticism and disbelief. As for me, I bet my life that God is."

Dr. Fosdick lifts a score of questions out of the morass of doubt into the realm of certainty. These questions have to do with God, with modern science and the Bible, with the why of the world's evil, with how to be sure, with joining the church, with how to surmount discouragement about the world, how to handle tragedy, and others of equal importance.

Many readers will know that Ted Brown speaks for them when he writes of his difficulty in believing in God, when he asks if he should not in all fairness explore the other religions before he makes up his mind or when he grows despondent about all the hate and suffering in the world and wonders if there is an answer.

This book should be read by pastors, especially by Youth Ministers, by lay folk, youth in their later teens and teachers of youth.

This book may be purchased from THE BETHANY BOOKSTORE, Los Angeles. Price: \$3.00.

Reviewed by Dr. Clifford A. Cole

LETTERS TO A PERSON PERPLEXED ABOUT RELIGION

PAPER CLIPS



LA VERNE, Ramona Avenue Church - "Due to many questions concerning the activities of Jehovah's Witnesses' attack on the church, I have been asked to comment on this issue," writes Frank White, pastor of the Ramona Avenue Christian Church. In his church paper will appear articles designed to be helpful and understanding in talking with representatives of Jehovah's Witnesses. Mr. White continues, "It is interesting that our people are becoming aware of the attacks that are being made upon the church, both without and within, and it is heartening when people show a desire to do something about the problem."

LOS ANGELES - In the weekly publication, *Highlights*, of the Highland Park Christian Church, these suggestions are offered: "Each member arrives to worship in a different frame of mind. Some have cares, tensions, and worries which they must resolve ere the service ends. Some come eager for worship, happy and serene. Some, alas, come with their minds on a new recipe or the latest gossip to be shared. When you enter our sanctuary, remember that you are in the House of the Lord. Remember that prayers are being said. Tell yourself: 'This morning I will be silent, respecting the holy place in which we worship. I will help others get the utmost from this service by not distracting them.' The atmosphere in which our services are held depends on us."

TORRANCE, First Christian Church - Nancy Prime, was engaged in a special literacy program in Northern Rhodesia last summer where she went under the sponsorship of the Student Christian Federation. A graduate at Chapman College and Pacific School of Religion, she later returned to work with university students at Ann Arbor, Michigan.

LOMPOC - After having made good recovery from surgery, Clayton Wilson has resumed his work as the interim minister of the Lompoc Christian Church.

SAN DIEGO, Central - The Seventy-fifth Anniversary moved to a climax on October 29, Anniversary Sunday. A four week period was observed as Ministers' Month. This was followed by a period of Anniversary displays. Mementos of the past, arranged in the areas of the functional departments, were set-up in a display area according to the minister, Heber Pitman.

LOS ANGELES - Wilshire Christian Church will present the worship service over Channel 11 (KTTV) on *Great Churches of the Golden West*, November 19. Dr. John Paul Pack, pastor, will lead the service of worship from 11:00 A.M. - 12:00 noon.

LOS ANGELES, United Christian Church - A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Enoch Henry on September 27. His name is Forrest Wayne Henry. Enoch Henry is the minister of the new United Christian Church which is the merger of the East 28th Street Christian Church and the Avalon Christian Church.

HEMET - Sympathy is extended to the family of Reverend Frank T. Carter of Hemet, who passed away on June 29, 1961.

WHITTIER - Bernard and Julia Davis, returned missionaries from Congo, have a different address than the one first given. They are booking their own speaking dates and may be reached by letter or phone at: 720 North Carley Avenue, Whittier. Telephone: OX 5-1534.

RESEDA, First Christian Church - Mrs. Robert L. Danner, wife of the minister, taught a Christian Education class, "Introduction to Teaching", which began on October 8. Leadership training classes will be held each Sunday morning and Mrs. James Robeson, Church School superintendent announced that a continuous training program of its membership for places of service is part of the church's program for this year.

VICTORVILLE, First Christian - The C.W.F. is now sponsoring 21 children at the Colorado Christian Home, Denver. The women have also shipped 212 pounds of good used clothing to Church World Service.

Recently, Larry DeBelious visited the Navajo Indian Reservation and upon returning proceeded to clean out his closets to send back much needed garments to the Oraibi Mission.

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S.O.Y. PACK TRIP SUCCESSFUL

Eighteen college-age young people and six adults spent an exciting week in late August packing in to the high Sierras beyond Mammoth Lakes. Dr. George Tolman served as director of the group with the able assistance of his wife, Bonnie. Though the schedule was relaxed and informal there were excellent learning sessions centered around presentation by Dr. Bert Williams of Chapman College and discussions based on the text, *Man's Need and God's Action*, by Reuel Howe. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Casterson also assisted the group. Everyone who went has agreed it was a most wonderful experience, and they look forward to another experience next summer.

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50 NEW CONGREGATIONS

With three parsonages, five churches and an office building erected in 1960 and 1961, the Christian Churches (Disciples) of Puerto Rico are planning to establish at least 50 congregations with 20 new physical plants in the next several years. By the close of the 1960's the churches also hope to have not fewer than 50 candidates for the ministry.

In addition to expanding the number of congregations and ministerial candidates, the churches also are planning during the decade as follows: that each congregation have a goal of attaining self-support by 1970; that the churches double the total membership; and that a general fund be created to pay the salary of the executive secretary and to provide participation in interdenominational institutions and programs.

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"Dear Mr. Brown," by Harry Emerson Fosdick

See review, this issue of VIEW POINT



IS YOUR CHURCH READY?

Thanksgiving is a time of many expressions of gratitude to God for His bountiful providences, given all through the year. At this time a Special Day Offering is made in the churches to support the cause of State and Area Missions, Christian Education, the International Convention and the historical interests of the Brotherhood. These are causes that serve the church throughout the year, making it possible to reach areas of need that cannot be met by each church working alone.

One of the purposes of the Special Day observance is to provide education in missions in the church school departments and classes, as well as throughout the church. The church misses an important opportunity in acquainting its members with the outreach program of the church if little or no use is made of the program materials provided for the Special Day Offerings.

The Thanksgiving Offering in the churches is vital to the ongoing missionary task of the church. The record shows that last year the Special Day Offerings decreased by \$18,144.84, with the largest decrease in the offerings made at Thanksgiving -- \$16,274.88.

This is an appeal to every church to order Thanksgiving Day Offering materials at once if this has not already been done, and to make plans in the Christian Education and Stewardship Committees or Departments of the church to make the most effective use of the suggestions for such an observance. The World Outreach Committee is also concerned in this important special offering and likewise should be consulted and share in the over-all responsibility of making this one of the great offering days of the church year.

TRANSFORMING VISITORS TO MEMBERS

Pastor Richard Davis of the Vista La Mesa Church recently reported the following cultivation plan used in the Broadway Christian Church in Wichita, Kansas:

First Week: Visitor receives a card from the minister telling of the church's joy in having him present. At the week's end, he receives a phone call from a volunteer worker who secures information from a phone visit.

Second Week: The minister of visitation writes a personal letter to the visitor telling of the assets and advantages of the church.

Third Week: The visitor receives an invitation card from a member of the Church School class of which he should be a member.

Fourth Week: A well informed member calls on the visitor. Any questions he might have about the church are answered and he is invited to take fellowship with the congregation.

Fifth Week: Promotional pamphlets are sent to fulfill any needs of instruction which the visitor might have.

Sixth Week: A personal visit from "The 70 Club", for cultivation or decision to come into the church, is received by the visitor.

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NEW STUDY BOOKLET

A revised study booklet about the Yakima Indian Christian Mission is now available for interested groups. There is no cost for this booklet. Request from: Yakima Indian Christian Mission, P. O. Box 318, White Swan, Washington.

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"WORKSHOP" THAT REALLY WORKS

The C.W.F. of the Glendora Christian Church, have started a "Workshop" to be held one day each month. The program is working on service projects. Bandages are rolled, scrapbooks are made for children in hospitals in foreign countries, nylons are collected for Japan, stamps are sent to Indianapolis for milk for children around the world, crib quilts are made for Jewel Poole Orphanage in Japan, knitted squares are made into lap robes for elderly people and covers for night tables are being made for the California Christian Home in San Gabriel.



Chapman Life Line Scholarship

Did you know that any church could have a \$275.00 Life Line Scholarship for a new student from their church enrolling in Chapman College next September, IF the church gives 20% or more of its total budget to Unified Promotion during the current church year, which ends June 30? The amount could even be divided between two or more students. Chapman College is supported when Unified Promotion is supported.

New Board of Trustees Member

Dr. John Paul Pack, minister of the Wilshire Christian Church, Los Angeles, has been elected member of the Board of Trustees of Chapman College.

Harris House Remodelled

Harris House has recently been remodelled to take care of the overflow from the women's residence hall. Landscaping of the grounds around the men's residence hall was completed prior to the opening of school.

New Scholarship Funds

The First Christian Church of San Jose, Gerald Ford minister, has recently established two scholarship funds at Chapman College. The "Joseph J. and Eva G. Rector Scholarship Fund", in the amount of \$1,000; and the "Dr. Helen H. Shell Memorial Scholarship Fund", for students of the San Jose Church attending Chapman College, was established for \$7,674.01.

Artist Lecture Series

The fourth annual Artist Lecture series of Chapman College appeared to be a "Sell Out!" As a result tickets will be available for individual lectures or concerts this year.

Housing Loan Available

Dr. John L. Davis, President of Chapman College, informed the trustees' meeting in September that he had received a letter from the "Housing and Home Financing Agency", informing him that they had allocated \$600,000 as a loan for another new residence hall and a new dining room.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

The executive and Program Committees of the Southern California Assembly for 1962 are working steadily in preparation for that event, seeking to make it most meaningful to the life of the churches.

The dates have been set for San Diego at Balboa Park Convention Center, opening the evening of May 24 and concluding in the late afternoon on May 26.

While the Bylaws designate this as Delegate Assembly, giving principal attention to the delegates from churches, others will be welcome who may not be delegates. However, as foreseen now, the program will revolve around the fact that there will be at least four delegates from every congregation for the Southern California Assembly.

The Program Committee has been acquiring widely, from both lay persons and ministers, as to the most important themes which might be pursued in studies and in expression at the Assembly. In all likelihood the delegates will be asked to carry on some preliminary studies among the leaders of their own churches before they come to the Assembly. These topics are now being developed in the light of the findings from the churches, and guidance will be given for these studies as early as possible.

Choose Delegates

Each congregation should take steps early to choose its delegates who will represent the best thinking of the church and who can attend the San Diego Assembly.

The official body in each congregation is asked to accept responsibility for electing its delegates as early as possible and no later than February 1. The Bylaws state:

"Each member church shall be entitled to three delegates and alternates plus its full time staff ministers, in addition each church having resident membership of more than 100 shall be entitled to one delegate and alternate for each additional 100 members or major fraction thereof, exclusive of members of the Board of Directors."

Members of the Board of Directors of Christian Churches of Southern California also are delegates by reason of their office.

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COMING EVENTS

- Oct. 30 -
- Nov. 4 Group Life Workshop
- Nov. 3 World Community Day
- Nov. 5 American Missions Sun.
- Nov. 6 CWF Executive
- Nov. 8 Children's Work Comm.
- Nov. 9 New Ministers' Orientation
- Nov. 11 CMF Executive
- Nov. 13 Business and Finance
- Nov. 13 View-Point Comm.
- Nov. 14, 15 Resources Department with Roland Huff
- Nov. 16, 17 Field Staff and Agency Retreat, Loch Leven
- Nov. 18 Conference Grounds Dept., Bethany Pines
- Nov. 19 Thanksgiving Sunday
- Nov. 21 New Church Advance
- Nov. 21 Board of Directors
- Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Day
- Nov. 24 Area Office closed
- Nov. 24, 25 S.O.Y.F. Retreat, Loch Leven
- Nov. 27 View-Point Comm.

BROTHERHOOD-WIDE FOUNDATION

A new Christian Church Foundation that will solicit and receive gifts for agencies and institutions of the Christian Churches (Disciples), will start operation January 1, 1962.

The Foundation will receive property and funds in behalf of all organizations "which report directly or indirectly to the International Convention and which participate in Unified Promotion, Inc."

Dr. Spencer P. Austin, of Indianapolis, who is Executive Secretary of Unified Promotion and who also will serve as executive officer of the Foundation, said: "For the first time, a member of the Christian Church will be able to make a single contribution that will support our entire Brotherhood in perpetuity."

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Rebel Religion is the highly interesting story of a facet of the Civil War hardly touched in other writings. It is the story of the chaplains, and like that of other soldiers is a mixture of heroism, suffering, bravery, cowardice, and desertion. Author Herman A. Norton is Dean of the Disciples' Divinity House at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee.

The distinguished literary editor of *Christian Century*, Dr. Winfred Garrison, now eighty-seven years of age, has prepared an interpretation of the history of the Disciples of Christ entitled, *Heritage and Destiny*. He analyzes the influences contributing to the development of the church from the Reformation to the present. He discusses, frankly, the past and present chasms within the church and also speculates on the future of the movement.

The Bethany History Series brings *Compend of Alexander Campbell's Theology* for the use of ministers and theological students as well as students of religion. Dr. Royal Humbert, the author, is Professor of Religion and Philosophy at Eureka College, Eureka, Illinois.

Violet Robert Morre is a free lance magazine writer, specializing in youth activities, who offers hundreds of imaginative ideas to make every gathering enjoyable and rewarding in her book, *Party Games*. Social leaders, churches, schools, clubs and other youth organizations will have the advantage of her writing though it should be noted that this is not solely a religious book.

EAST WHITTIER PASTOR WILL RETIRE

With his Christian ministry having expressed itself in several ways and in two continents, Frank Purnell will retire from the active ministry on December 31, 1961. He and Mrs. Purnell plan to continue their residence in East Whittier, where he has been the pastor of the First Christian Church for the last several years. After some traveling, they hope to be able to serve the Church and the churches yet in other ways.

The Church has extended a call to Warren Knappe, now the minister of the Highline Christian Church in Seattle, Washington. Mr. Knappe and his family will move to Whittier where he will begin his new ministry on January 1, 1962.

ECHOES

FROM EDEN

One Monday morning, I found a friend wandering around the church in a blue fog, mumbling some incoherent questions about, "What time do the services begin?" When I told him he was a day late, he said he just "didn't get the picture."

That seems to be the trouble with a lot of folks today. They either don't get the picture or they don't want to get it. And, if they do get a picture, it is only "a negative."

One picture many don't want to see is the fact that we all live together in one world. Of course, many corners are in darkness, without freedom and without food, but they are still a part of God's world. And, according to God's Word, they are in God's love. We, hiding underneath our little prejudices and behind our walls and curtains of fear, might exclude them. . . But God does not exclude them. They are in His picture. With blinders properly adjusted and protected, lots of folks act as though they belong to an exclusive church, too. Because those who have a little different theology, or income, or color of skin, we cut them out of our picture. Remember the jingle attributed to a self-righteous group (does it include you, too)?

We are the chosen few
The rest of you be damned,
There's room enough in hell for you
We won't have heaven cramped.

Come to think of it, Eve and I sorta took this viewpoint in the garden. God was there all right, but he really wasn't in our picture. So we misjudged the serpent and wound up outside of God's picture. And don't think it can't happen again, brother. Don't think it can't happen to you.

In sad reflection,
ADAM

LEWIS R. ELOE, Director,
Northridge Family
Counseling Center

The spouse that 'talks too much' is a rather common phenomenon. It is about equally divided between men and women.

Of course, there is no harm to a marriage relationship, if it is mutually acceptable and doesn't get too far out of balance. However, when you hear your marriage partner make such comments as, 'my partner talks enough for both of us,' even though it may appear in jest, it is getting out of balance.

Why does one talk too much? There are as many reasons as there are people.

Most overtalkative people feel they must carry the conversation for their spouse. In actuality, this does not prove to be the case.

In many cases, the one who talks too much does so because 'they have to.' They are compulsive about speech and are giving vent to a compulsive need. While they are talking, at least two dynamics are in operation. On the one hand, they are keeping people emotionally away from them. You can't get close to a torrent of words, for the words serve as a smoke screen behind which the person hides. You are left with the impression that they are 'open and free' with themselves, but the reverse is actually true. They are hiding. On the

other hand, the overtalkative person is dominating and controlling the conversation. Their need to control helps to stabilize the situation so that they feel more secure. In many cases, talking too much is a defense mechanism designed to give security to an insecure person.

Many people ask, "What can I do about it?" It might be answered by, "How can you overcome insecurity?"

People look for a magic gesture or phrase in vain. There is none. Intellectually and emotionally one should evaluate themselves and in the areas where they feel insecure, develop a course of action.

In many cases, people who talk too much can curb their habits. They may have to 'sit' on their habit until it comes into balance.

At times, talking to oneself and keeping friends, is much more profitable than talking too much with others and driving them away.

An overtalkative person may try to develop a genuine interest in people. So often they have others around for an audience rather than an honest interest in them as people.

Of all things, a rich inner life is most essential. The way one feels about himself, his depths of inner life and strength, is the way he is going to tend to act toward himself and other people.

The overtalkative person can actually bring into a compatible balance his need to talk and his need to listen.

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